was US $ 16 billion. According to DGCI&S data on merchandise exports, primary products consisting mainly of traditional items constituted around 15 per cent of total exports whereas share of manufactured goods was 70% of total exports during April-December 2005-06.

(c) The share of agricultural and allied products in India's total exports was around 10% during 2004-05. The export growth rate of this sector was around 23% during April-December 2005-06.

Benefits of Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana to EOUs under SEZs

2559. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether EOUs and units in Special Economic Zones will not qualify for benefit under the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana;

if so, the reason therefor; and

how Government propose to compensate those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) In the Foreign Trade Policy 1 st September, 2004—31 st March, 2009 updated as on 7.4.2006, exports made by SEZ units and EOUs do not qualify for Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana benefits.

(b) and (c) Special Economic Zone is conceptually a foreign territory as all supplies to SEZ units are treated as physical exports and hence Government does not intend.to incentivise export from a unit located in an SEZ. Similarly, EOUs have a special status of tax exemptions and permission to import various requirements, including the ones in Agricultural sector, duty free, and therefore VKGUY benefits are not extended to EOU units. Further, these units have been set up primarily for exports.

Share of EPZs/SEZs in exports

2560. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones in the country's overall export performance during last three years; and